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25 Arrested for DUI During 5th Week of *Checkpoint Strikeforce*

Dover – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 25 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during week 5 of the 2007 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign. The 25 arrests made this weekend brings the total number of people arrested in the first five weeks of the 2007 Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign to 121.

Four sobriety checkpoints were conducted between July 27th and 28th. Participating agencies included Delaware State Police Troop 9, the New Castle County DUI Task Force and the Kent/Sussex County DUI Task Force which conducted two checkpoints.

In addition to the 25 DUI arrests, officers issued 2 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 10 wanted individuals, made 9 drug arrests, 4 felony drug arrests, recovered 1 stolen vehicle, seized a weapon, and issued 33 seat belt and 6 child restraint citations as well as 127 citations for various other traffic violations.

Now in its sixth year, “Checkpoint Strikeforce” is a multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers coordinated locally by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Participating law enforcement agencies are conducting weekly DUI checkpoints between the 4th of July and New Year’s Eve, and monthly checkpoints in the spring, all with the goal of deterring impaired drivers and arresting DUI offenders.

“*Checkpoint Strikeforce*” is also one of the three major safety initiatives under the “120 Days of Summer HEAT” campaign targeting violators of Delaware’s traffic laws. Traffic deaths kill and injure Delawareans nearly twice as often as violent crimes.

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